



PROPOSED SPRINT: Map to the Destination of Connecting our Meetings

Charge:

To identify strategies and pathways to help navigate to a place where our meetings are connected based on the vision of PYM Friends.

Background:

Connecting, a strategic direction of PYM, asks us to connect Friends and meetings to one another so that we may experience vibrant, Spirit-led faith community. A specific destination for this direction is to increase the interactions that meetings have with one another. Through Continuing Sessions, council meetings and a fundraising and email campaign on the subject, Friends have already contributed to a vision of what it looks like when we arrive at the destination of interconnected meetings. The next step is to make a map that shows how we will get to that destination.

Composition of the Sprint:

The sprint will include 5-8 members. The membership of the sprint will include at least:

- One person active in their local meeting but not in the yearly meeting community
- One person who is not staff or governance who is a young adult (under 35ish) and one who is in the second third of adulthood (35-60)
- One council member
- One staff member from communications and/or program

Sprint members will be PYM Friends who have familiarity with our meetings and bring a strategic and or creative mindset and carry a sense of curiosity and hopefulness.

Friends who would like to be considered for service as a sprint member may contact Cecilia Filauro, Executive Administrator (cfilauro@pym.org).

All Friends will be invited to contribute to providing feedback on the work of the sprint.

Accountability:

The sprint will be approved by and report to the yearly meeting in session. It's members will be approved by Administrative Council (Admin) and Quaker Life Council (QLC). Between sessions the sprint will be held accountable by Admin and QLC which will ensure that it maintains momentum and the work is completed. In the event the sprint requires assistance, whether the need is perceived by the sprint itself or by others, Admin and QLC are responsible for providing the assistance.

Responsibilities (what the sprint will do):

1. Become familiar with the shared visions of what it will look like when our meetings are well-connected.
2. Become familiar with the structure of PYM's governance and staff and the locations of all of our meetings.

3. Identify the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and pressures that will help or hinder our reaching the destination.
4. Develop a wide range of ideas about the strategies, activities, resources, etc that could move us from our current location to the destination of connected meetings. The initial list may include impossible ideas!
5. Develop a set of possible pathways.
6. Share possibilities with councils and PYM Friends to receive fresh perspectives and feedback.
7. Develop a first draft proposed map to reach our destination.
8. Consult with any individuals or bodies that would be required to provide any kind of action or resources when enacting the proposal (councils, committees, meetings, staff, for example)
9. Develop a revised map that includes consideration of all feedback.

Outcomes (what will happen as a result of the sprint carrying out its responsibilities):

1. At least two opportunities for PYM Friends to play with ideas about pathways with the sprint and to ask questions and provide feedback on the sprint's work in progress.
2. Give a status report to Continuing Sessions in November
3. Post an update to the PYM website about the progress of the sprint on an alt-monthly schedule at a minimum.
4. By March Continuing Sessions present a proposed plan ("map") that identifies:
 - a. Specific outcomes of how our meetings will be connected
 - b. Recommended actions for our community that will result in reaching outcomes
 - c. Who would be responsible for the actions
 - d. Who would be consulted about the actions along the way.
 - e. A timeline for the actions.

Next Steps (what will happen after the work of the sprint is complete):

1. The councils will propose next steps based on the reception of the proposed map at Continuing Sessions.
2. The councils will be responsible for taking and reporting on next steps. Possibilities include activating additional sprints, discerning with the wider body, setting up a committee, working with staff, etc.